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From: Tessa Waterbury [tesswaterbury@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2008 8:12 AM
To: Glenda Wiles
Subject: Concerns re: upcoming dry season

To Whom it May Concern,

With the dry season around the corner, I was hoping that Ravalli county might be progressive enough to prepare in advance. The past few years have shown the danger in both fire hazard and impact to the tourist industry here in the bitterroot, and it is projected that it would take around 10 years of adequate precipitation to make up for the damage that has already occurred. I am aware that some cities in the Bitterroot place water restrictions within city limits once the reservoirs get too low, but why not try to prevent the known problem ahead of time. We all know that watering in the heat of the day is an enormous waste of water, however if you take a drive throughout the Bitterroot it is shocking how many residents do it, and leave their water on all day. Is there any reason that Ravalli county couldn't place restrictions county-wide in the spring and summer that limits the duration and time of watering for non-agricultural residents? I don't need a reply, I just wanted to put the idea out there.

Thank you,
Tessa Wallace

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